

Telecommunications Orders - Issued 1997

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

**IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY FORT)
RANDALL TELEPHONE COMPANY FOR)
DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE)
TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER)**

**ORDER GRANTING
INTERVENTION**

TC97-075

On June 12, 1997, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission), received a filing from Fort Randall Telephone Company (Fort Randall) pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 214(e) and 47 C.F.R. 54.201 requesting designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier within the local exchange areas that constitute its service area in South Dakota. Fort Randall is the facilities-based local exchange carrier presently providing local exchange telecommunications services in the following exchanges in South Dakota: Centerville (563), Hermosa (255), Lake Andes (491,487), Tabor (463), Tyndall (589), Viborg (326) and Wagner (384). Fort Randall, to its knowledge, is the only carrier meeting the eligibility requirements of 47 U.S.C. § 214(e) and C.F.R. 54.201 in its exchanges.

On June 12, 1997, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of June 27, 1997, to interested individuals and entities. On June 27, 1997, the Commission received a petition to intervene from Dakota Telecommunications Systems, Inc. (DTS) and Dakota Telecom, Inc. (DTI).

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-34A and ARSD 20:10:01:15.05.

On July 15, 1997, a regularly scheduled meeting, the Commission considered the Petition to Intervene. The Commission finds that the petition of DTS and DTI was timely filed and demonstrates good cause to grant intervention. It is therefore

ORDERED, that DTS and DTI shall be granted intervention and shall be considered a party in this matter.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 29th day of July, 1997.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.

By: _____

Date: _____

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

PAM NELSON, Commissioner

LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner

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